

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



March 2020 Newsletter

Volume 03-2020

Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



Your Branch BEC is truly engaged in discussion to keep the branch vibrant and to move forward in 2020. Do keep in mind at SIR, our activities provide social, physical and mental engagement for men over 50 and their partners. We live longer and have more fun because we are an interactive group. With this, at our last BEC meeting it was passed to welcome wives and significant others to any lunch meeting as long the member informs the Big Sir two days ahead of time. In addition, the month of your wedding anniversary your wife is invited as a paid guest. Again, the member (you) must inform Big Sir the Sunday before the luncheon. At the State Town Hall Meeting, it was stressed the importance of recruiting new members and formally welcome them as new members was duly repeated. SIR has a new website at our disposal. Check it out at => wearesir.com. The website proves an additional media to introduce prospective members or new members to our organization. Our March Meeting we will have Michael Lella sharing a story of his father Pino Lella and his role in the forgotten Italian Front of WWII. So impelling his story a movie is being made starring Tom Holland as the lead actor. And lastly, I would like to thank all the volunteers that make our Branch what it is today.

Big SIR Anthony Butera

This is information on Coronavirus

Coronavirus Video

Please watch

NEW MEMBER



Pictured L-R (Sp) Jim Toepfer--(NM) Jim Sterling. He was a Teacher at Sylvan USD. He enjoys Bowling, Breakfast Club, Computers & Tech, Computer Training, Dine-In Pot Luck, Dine-Out Group, Economic Study, Genealogy, Pinochle. His wife is Sue.

\$24 dues are due by March 31. A table will be set up by the golf table, or you can mail them to: SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto, CA 95356. Thank You!



Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 380-9896 by **Sunday March 15. Thank you!**

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES February 20th, 2020

The meeting was called to order, by Big SIR Anthony Butera at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Anthony Butera, Little Sir acting Secretary Biff Galbraith, Treasurer Nilo Casiano, Assistant Secretary Jack O'Brian. Directors: Andre Dodd, Jim Toepfer, Gaylan King, Sam Graham, Gary Williams, Jerry Strain. Guests and Committee members present: Bill Burchell, Bob Lewis, Julius Manrique, Bill Stires, Vince Sereno, Patton Brooks, Vernon Jones, Vern Masse, Jerry Miller, Ernest Pinkston, Gary Stroud.

Anthony Butera entertained a motion to approve the January 16th, 2020 BEC Minutes 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for December was Presented Nilo Casiano	The Treasurer's Report for January 2020 was Presented Nilo Casiano
Checkbook Balance December 2019 \$ 7,839.35	Checkbook Balance January 2020.....\$ 4,899.03
Total receipts \$ 243.00	Total receipts\$ 3,594.00
Total disbursements..... \$ 3,183.33	Total disbursements.....\$ 1,527.82
Total checkbook and cash December 2019..\$ 5,099.03	Total checkbook and cash January 2020.....\$ 6,626.85

Invoices for January Gary Williams \$285.61, Bob Lewis 16.04, Anthony Butera 10.90, 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed

Motion by 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Jim Toepfer, to accept December Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed

Motion by 1st Jerry Strain, 2nd Sam Graham, to accept the January Treasurer's report. Motion Passed

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

One Inductee: Jim Walker (Vote Required)

Two Applications: Robert (Bob) Watson, Jim Sterling, (Vote Required)

There is One Resignation: Gary Black (Vote Required)

There is One Request to be Disabled: Paul Moran (Vote required)

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members: Conrad Haines, Vincent (Vinny) Altadonna, Charlie Brunn.

Total Members 138 active

Motion by 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Jim Toepfer, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires: First Horse race is coming at Golden Gate Fields April 18th. Laguna Trip is a Go! Trip to Italy, Greece, Spain. Reminder to members to check newsletter for trip information and dates. **(Check some trips and payments are time sensitive)**

Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups are doing well. 1st Wed Club moving to 4th Wed.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Bowling: New Branch Chair Bob Lewis and possibly Vern Masse will be new Regional Chair

Programs: March speaker will be Michael Lella, sharing the story of his father and his role in the forgotten Italian front of WWII.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier: Sunshine Chair contact at (605-9638)

Old Business:

Membership Form 27 and Form 65 submitted to State SIR. Treasurer Form 28 and 29 to Area Governor.

2020 Roster booklets distributed at February meeting if you did not receive contact Gary Williams.

Big SIR Anthony Butera visited Branch 8 to learn about their meetings and will be attending State SIR in Santa Clara on February 24th.

Little SIR meeting for State SIR in Fairfield. SIR 2020 Goals: Increase net membership, Improve Volunteerism, Encourage each member to bring a guest to an activity not just to a lunch meeting. SIR has a new Web site WeareSIR.com. Encourage Every member to have at least one Guest per year

Check your E-Mail and please respond as to your attendance.

New Business:

Motion to have wife or significant other on Anniversaries to lunch, we pay for spouse, member still pays for self. 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed. (please contact Big SIR for lunch count the Sunday before the luncheon)

Motion to allow wife or significant other to any lunch meeting with notification to Big SIR for lunch count. 1st Gary Williams, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed.

Motion to pay March Guest speaker for travel \$50.00. 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Jim Toepfer, Motion Passed.

Jerry Miller possible new assistant treasurer, will get form needed and vote in March.

Meeting adjourned: 10:34AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, March 19th, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Little SIR acting Secretary

DINING OUT CLUB NEWS



CHANGE OF MEETING DATE: *The 1st Wednesday Club now meets on the 4th Wednesday*

What can be better than a fun evening out enjoying a great dinner and talking & laughing with friends . . . & you don't have to wash dishes or clean up the kitchen! If interested, phone Vince at 524-9630

March Info & April/May Locations

Mar. 10th (2nd Tuesday Club)

Marcella's—Call Host Henry Solario at 578-5607 to confirm YES or NO Reservations -- ASAP

April 14—Bella Italia

May 12 - George's Steakhouse

Mar. 24th (4th Tuesday Club)

Velvet Creamery—Phone HOST Gene Toschi at 402-4242 no later than Mar. 17th to confirm your yes or no Reservations.

April 28 - George's Steakhouse

May 26 - Tesora Mexican

Mar. 25th (4th Wed. Club)

Mike's Grill House—Call Host Vince Sereno at 524-9630 no later than Mar. 16th to confirm your yes or no reservations.

April 22 - Divine Swine

May 27 - Bella Italia

Mar. 26th (4th Thursday Club)

Shangri-La China Bistro—Phone Hosts Julius & Barbara Manrique at 576-1077 no later than Mar. 19th to confirm your yes or no reservations.

April 23 - Johnny Carino's

May 28 - Marcella's

Humor . . .

The young man had asked for a job with the circus—any job just so that he could travel with the circus. The owner of the circus, thinking that he might be able to make an assistant lion tamer out of the young man, took him out to the practice cage. The head lion tamer, a beautiful young woman, was just starting her rehearsal. As she entered the cage, she removed her cape with a flourish and, standing in a gorgeous costume, motioned to one of the lions. Obediently the lion crept toward the young woman, licked her elbow, and rolled over twice. Well, said the owner to the young man, "think you could do that?" "I'm sure I could, Sir," said the young man, "but first you'll have to get the lion out of there."

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Bohling	John	03/30/44	76
Bree	John	03/12/32	88
Casiano	Nilo	03/04/42	78
Dodd	Andre	03/25/42	78
Erreca	Dan	03/23/55	65
Hollander	Tom	03/16/50	70
Norris	Jay	03/18/46	74
Peck	Russell	03/31/28	92
Scoble	Tony	03/28/34	86
Sheaffer	Chuck	03/17/49	71
Sherman	Fred	03/22/33	87
Shoup	Chuck	03/13/39	81
Venturini	Joe	03/10/30	90
Weiss	Thomas	03/29/38	82



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Bruce	Fetzer	Debbie	03/30/96	24
Charlie	Leffingwell	Jan	03/21/98	22
Walt	Masciorini	Ann	03/03/56	64
Ken	Oehrlein	Sochi	03/14/64	56





March 2020 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 24 February 4

Series: Dan Erreca 693 Dan Erreca 693

Game: Dan Erreca 248 Dan Erreca 248

Week 25 February 11

Series: Dan Erreca 660 Bruce Fetzer 685

Game: Dan Erreca 242 Bruce Fetzer 264

Week 26 February 18

Series: Joe Miceli 669 Joe Miceli 723

Game: Dan Erreca 235 Marvin VanMiddendorp 267

Joe Mecili 235

Week 27 February 25

Series: Larry Sallee 657 Don Binney 730

Game: Larry Sallee 257 Larry Sallee 262

Team 1(Clark Pearson, Dave Conley & Steve Gibson) won the 1st 3rd. Team 4(Gene Cox, Bick Woolley, Wes Rash & Steve Bruce) won the 2nd 3rd.

Come out for our hometown tournament.

----- 2020 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

**March 17-18 Clayton Valley Bowl, Concord
Dan Weller 925-935-5510**

**April 13-16 Gold Dust West, Carson City NV
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727**

**May 13-14 McHenry Bowl, Modesto
(State Tournament)
Vern Masse 209-538-4275**

**May 28-29 Paddock Lanes, Pacheco
Jack Evans 510-724-8840**

**Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:
SIR Vern Masse 209-538-4275**

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Two Fabulous SIR Days--2020.pdf

**Giant's vs A's June 7
Golden Gate Fields March 27**

MARCH 2020 GOLF



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/

MONDAY MARCH 2	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$ 44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MARCH 9	CREEKSIDE M\P	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 143	\$33.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MARCH 16	RESERVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$54.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MARCH 23	SWENSON	9:00 AM
HOST: 103	\$27.00.	CARTS: \$ 15.00
MONDAY MARCH 30	DRYDEN	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$32.00	9:00 AM

THE FIRST OF 3 MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENTS STARTS ON 3/2 AT CREEKSIDE. 4/20 AT MANTECA , 5/11 AT DRYDEN. \$5.00 FOR ALL 3 TOURNAMENTS. THE ABCD TOURNAMENT WILL BE ON 6/1 AT MANTECA. TIME TO THINK OF TEAMS.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

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Information for SIR State Golf Tournament 2020 in Napa

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[Tournament information and Registration Form](#)

[Golf Website](#)

Past Big Sirs

1988 Lynn Wood
1989 Elbow Jones
1990 Dick Benevento
1991 Warren Lawson
1992 Al Evans
1993 Joe Underwood
1994 Homer Jorgensen
1995 Don Singer
1996 Max Norton
1997 Charles Cox
1998 Dick Bachman
1999 George Harden
2000 John Shores
2001 Bob Curley
2002 Frank Pierson
2003 Julius Manrique
2004 Ed Boyle
2005 Ted Nagel
2006 George Ditman
2007 Herman Vigil
2008 Michael Mensinger
2009 Charles Shoup
2010 Gary Williams
2011 Jerry Strain
2012 Sam Graham
2013 Jerry Emery
2014 Leonard Davis
2015 Patton Brooks
2016 Bill Burchell
2017 Gary Williams
2018 Sam Graham
2019 Jerry Emery
2019 Jerry Strain



Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2020

Big Sir:..... Anthony Butera 985-3473
Little Sir:..... Biff Galbraith 575-2724
Secretary:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Assistant Secretary:..... Jack O'Brian 221-3691
Treasurer:..... Nilo Casiano 324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:..... Open

DIRECTORS FOR 2020

Andre Dodd 527-0482 Sam Graham 552-0960
Gaylan King 380-9896 Jerry Strain 551-8220
Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930 Gary Williams 578-3471

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ...Ed Benson 925-943-7011
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc .. Jim Johnson 536-1595
DIRECTOR, REGION 2.....Rick Kindle 652-8608
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Richard Provost 222-1910

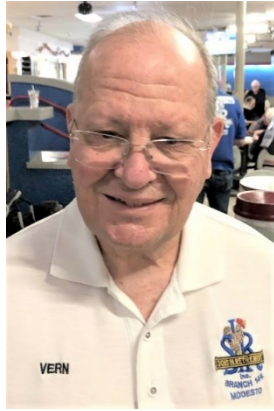
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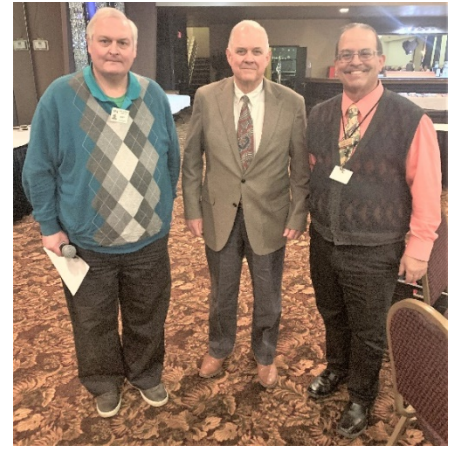
Recruitment:.....Open
Activities:.....Open
Member Relations:.... Gary Williams 578-3471
Publicity/Relations:... Sam Graham 552-0960
Accessories:..... Sam Graham 552-0960
Travel: Area 18: .. Bill Stires 544-2684
Area 18 Golf Chairman: Joe Adams 632-8197
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475
Assistant:.... Gary Hubbard 551-5253
Area 18 Bowling Chairman:..... Vern Masse 538-4275
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: Vern Masse 538-4275
Programs:..... Biff Galbraith 575-2724
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471
Chaplain:... Vernon Jones 683-8033
Dining: Vince Sereno 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607
Attendance:..... Tony Salonga
Sunshine:..... Edd Santwier 605-9638
Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077
Nominating Committee: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell and Gary Williams
Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896
Book Club:.... Joe Venturini 524-6577



Joe Venturini receives Senior SIR Presidents Award with Jerry Strain & Anthony Butera



Area 18 Bowling Chairman Vern Masse



Modesto Mayor Ted Brandvold (C) with Little SIR Biff Galbraith (L) & Big SIR Anthony Butera

To save 15% on tickets to the Gallo Center use code: *SIRS1920*

Please visit our website at www.sirinc2.org/branch144

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Edd Santwier (605-9638) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!

Mac McCoy's wife Bev is not doing well.

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain